(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Policy for promotion of Indian Culture

†1519. PROF. M.M. AG ARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any policy for organising cultural fairs in different parts of the country to promote Indian Culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Culture through its seven Zonal Cultural Centres and other institutions organises cultural festivals/ programmes and fairs to promote the rich cultural heritage of different regions of the country.

(b) and (c) The cultural festivals/programmes and fairs are organised in those places which have cultural and tourist importance such as Kurukshetra, Chittorgarh, Kanyakumari, Allahabad, Chandigarh, Leh-Ladhakh, Kohima, Udaipur etc.

Development of Sea Beaches on Eastern Coastline

1520. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM **AND** CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the sea beaches in Eastern parts of the country which are major attraction for the tourists;

(b) whether Government have prepared any plan for the development of those places of tourist interest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) All the coastal States have been advised to identify suitable areas as Special Tourism Zones for development of tourism.

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†Origtnal notice of the question was received in Hindi.